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REMARKS

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1. On 17 September 1952, six model M-13 rocket launchers were seen parked at the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse in Schwerin (M 54/T h6). Slightly more personnel were observed than in the previous weeks. On 18 September, one unit was observed leaving the installation. Equipment seen with the unit included model M-13 rocket launchers 20 trucks loaded with ammunition, fuel and ration supplies including four trucks occupied by 25 men each wearing field equipment and red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia; 3 field kitchens; 1 tank truck; 1 radio truck;

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2. On 11 September, a unit consisting of five companies each having 100 men was observed on parade in the "rueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse. About eight companies of about 100 men each were seen on the same day in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Chaussee.

3. On 9 September, 9 x 37-mm A1 guns were seen for the first time at Guerries airfield, southwest of Schwerin. Service of the piece drill was done at the airfield with 4 x 100-mm AT guns with prime movers and 4 x 152-mm field howitzers with prime movers . The soldiers were inspected by a general who rode in sedan . Truck occupied by numerous officers was also seen there.

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4. On 28 August, T-34 tanks and one armored ammunition carrier were seen entering the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse. At 5:30 a.m. on 1 September, these vehicles were entrained at the railroad station, allegedly to be shipped toward Magdeburg (M 53/I 60). **

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5. believed that all the units of the Schwerin post were inspected on 11 September. At 2 p.m., 4 x 100-mm AT guns with prime movers ; 4 x 122-mm field howitzers with prime movers occupied by about 25 men who wore red-bordered black epauletts, were lined up for

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review at Goerries airfield. One sedan with [redacted] series occupied by a high-ranking officer was also seen. Nine 37-mm AA guns were observed at the northern edge of the airfield. [redacted] learned from informants that about 1,000 men and 600 men were lined up for review on the same day in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne and the Krueger Kaserne respectively.

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6. On 6 September, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 men. Mainly officers and EN who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen. Truck [redacted] entered the barracks installation.

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7. Prior to 10 September, the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black, black-bordered crimson and black-bordered black epaulets and a headquarters which was located in the southern section of the installation. On 7 Sep-

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[redacted] In the barracks yard, about 200 men armed with rifles had fallen in. A detachment of 40 men carrying rifles and light equipment, led by an officer, took a flag to a billeting building. On 9 September, sedans [redacted] which had arrived from the direction of Ludwigslust, had come from Schwerin and two other vehicles proceeded to the headquarters buildings. All these vehicles were occupied to capacity by officers. In the evening hours of 10 September, all the buildings of the installation were lighted. At 5 p.m. on 11 September, all was quiet at the installation, and the garages were empty. Motor

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8. On 5 September, the Krueger Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops. About 500 men, half of them recruits were seen doing close-order drill and physical training in the barracks yard.
9. On 11 September, the Moltke Kaserne was almost empty. *
10. On 10 September, the former Deutsche Arbeitsfront (DAF) (German Labor Front) building at the intersection of Hagenower Strasse and Ludwigsluster Strasse quartered about 750 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two detachments of about 25 men each wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched toward Ludwigsluster Chaussee. On 9 September, the Beethoven Schule quartered about 500 men. ***
11. On 5 September, advanced combat practice firing was conducted by about 400 men in the training area southwest of the Sternbuchholz railroad station west of Ludwigsluster Chaussee. Sedan [redacted] occupied by a general left the training area. *

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12. Since mid-August, the headquarters building at the corner of Hagenower Strasse quartered about 200 men who wore black-bordered crimson, red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. According to an employee of Goerries airfield, these soldiers were being trained as stokers, electricians and plumbers and were to relieve German labor presently employed at the various barracks installations of the town. The building at the intersection of Hagenower Strasse was previously occupied by a headquarters which moved to the Fritsch Kaserne on Johann Stelling Strasse. ***

13. Prior to 7 September, Goerries airfield was only lightly occupied. Once a week, the engineer unit would send truck [redacted] with turn clothes to the tailor shop where it picked up clothing that had been mended in return. On 20 August, a general from Bayreuth who had arrived on sedan [redacted] stayed at the barracks installation for the night. Simultaneously the political officer of the unit stationed in the Fritsch Kaserne, a colonel,

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* [] Comment. The report indicates that there were no apparent changes in the occupation of the military installation at Schwerin. [] The fluctuating number of troops occupying the barracks installations as observed by [] may be explained by the fact that these units undergo summer training and are rotated to troop training grounds. Thus for instance the unidentified unit of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which left the Hindenburg Kaserne on 18 September 1952 is probably connected with motor vehicle convoys of units from Schwerin seen southwest of Wittstock on the same day. The observations made at Gierries airfield confirm that the unidentified AAA regiment and the unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps are stationed there. It is noteworthy that [] observed AT guns and howitzers at the barracks installation of the airfield. This indicates that elements of the 4th Gds AT Army Brig (US) of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps are stationed there. West [] reported belong to Soviet units stationed at Schwerin.

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** [] it is believed that the 7th (Hv) Tank BR Regt of the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div was involved.

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*** [] Comment. From 500 to 1,500 men have allegedly been observed in the former DAF building. The units quartered there probably belong to the 9th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [] The statement made by [] of paragraph 12 of the present report that only 200 men are quartered in the former DAF building is the lowest estimate received thus far. [] reported in March 1952 that about 20 soldiers entered the Goethoven Schule.

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